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Attorney General Dennis J. Roberts II asked the state Supreme Court Thursday to deny parole eligibility to convicted mob hit man Maurice "Pro" Lerner until 1989.

Lerner, 47, formerly of Brookline, Mass., once was linked to a purported CIA plot to have Fidel Castro killed in the 1960s.

Lerner is serving two consecutive life terms for slaying Rudolph Marfeo and Anthony Melel in a local market in 1968. Reputed New England mob boss Raymond L.S. Patriarca was convicted of conspiracy for ordering the killings.

Lerner's lawyer told the justices Thursday that a Superior Court judge ruled correctly that corrections officials violated his client's constitutional rights by telling him he would not be eligible for parole until 1989.

Roberts urged the court to reverse the decision that makes Lerner eligible for parole at any time. If Lerner wins, it will mean he can be considered for a parole hearing, not that he will be released automatically.

In 1978, mobster-turned-federal witness Vincent "Fat Vinnie" Teresa linked Lerner to an alleged CIA plan to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro for \$4 million. He said he was present in the early 1960s when reputed New England underworld boss Raymond Patriarca and his then No. 1 lieutenant, Henry Tameleo "picked Maurice 'Pro' Lerner to do the work."